

EXHIBIT A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Fixed Rate Note for Series 2008-A Certificates

BORROWER: Austin, TX

NOTE NO. B-94-MC-48-0500

REGISTERED HOLDER:
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

DATE:

AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL

AMOUNT: \$ 4,410,000

For value received, the undersigned, the City of Austin (the "Borrower," which term includes any successors or assigns), a public entity or agency organized and existing under the laws of the State (or Commonwealth, if applicable) of Texas, promises to pay to the order of THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Registered Holder (the "Holder," which term includes any successors or assigns), the Principal Amounts set forth on the attached Schedule P&I as of each applicable Principal Due Date set forth therein, together with interest on such unpaid Principal Amounts at the rates applicable thereto as specified on such attached Schedule P&I. Interest shall be calculated and payments shall be made in the manner set forth below. The Holder is acting hereunder on behalf of a trust (the "Trust") created pursuant to a Trust Agreement by and between the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") and Chemical Bank (now known as The Bank of New York Mellon), as trustee (the "Trustee"), dated as of January 1, 1995, as amended (the "Trust Agreement"), as supplemented by the applicable Supplement to the Trust Agreement, by and between the Secretary and the Trustee.

A. Principal and Interest

Interest on a Principal Amount of this Note that is due as of a given date specified on the Schedule P&I attached hereto (such date, the "Principal Due Date" for such Principal Amount) shall accrue at the per annum rate specified on such Schedule P&I from (and including) the date hereof to (but excluding) such Principal Due Date or, if applicable, to the applicable Interest Due Date on which an Optional Redemption (as defined below) occurs. The aggregate of the interest amounts accrued on the entire unpaid Principal Amount of this Note shall be due semiannually as of February 1 and August 1 of each year (each, an "Interest Due Date"), commencing on February 1, 2009, until the Aggregate Principal Amount listed on the Schedule P&I attached to this Note is paid in full. Interest shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

B. Optional Redemption

Certain Principal Amounts indicated as being eligible for Optional Redemption on the Schedule P&I hereto may be paid, in whole or in part, at the option of the Borrower as of any Interest Due Date on or after the date specified in such Schedule (an "Optional Redemption"). In order to elect an Optional Redemption of a redeemable Principal Amount, the Borrower shall give notice of its intention to redeem a Principal Amount to the Trustee and the Secretary not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days prior to the Interest Due Date as of which the Borrower intends to redeem the Principal Amount. The Trustee shall apply any payments received in respect of Optional Redemptions in accordance with written instructions of the Borrower, as approved by the Secretary. Principal Amounts that are not indicated as being eligible for Optional Redemption on such Schedule may not be prepaid.

C. Additional Definitions

For purposes of this Note, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

"Business Day" shall mean a day on which banking institutions in New York, New York, are not required or authorized to remain closed and on which the Federal Reserve Bank and the New York Stock Exchange are not closed. If any payment (including a payment by the Secretary) is required to be made on a day that is not a Business Day, then payment shall be made on the next Business Day.

"Contract" shall mean the Contract for Loan Guarantee Assistance, and any amendments thereto, between the Secretary and the Borrower, the designated public entity named therein (if applicable), or the State named therein (if applicable), which refers to and incorporates this Note by the number hereof.

D. Borrower's Timely Payment to Trustee

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Note, the Borrower, in accordance with the Contract, shall be required to make all payments of interest and principal, including any Optional Redemption payments, directly to the Trustee on the seventh Business Day prior to the appropriate Interest Due Date, Principal Due Date or date of Optional Redemption, as applicable.

E. Interest on Late Payments

If a payment of principal or interest herein provided for has not been duly received by the Holder from either the Borrower or the Secretary by the close of business on the applicable Interest Due Date or Principal Due Date, interest shall accrue on the amount of such payment at the applicable interest rate or rates payable on this Note, from the relevant due date until the date such payment is made. Nothing in the immediately preceding sentence shall be construed as permitting or implying that the Borrower may, without the written consent of the Holder and the Secretary, modify, extend, alter or affect in any manner whatsoever the right of the Holder timely to receive any and all payments of principal and interest specified in this Note.

F. Applicability of Fiscal Agency Agreement and Trust Agreement

This Note and payments made hereunder shall be administered pursuant to the terms of the Trust Agreement and are subject to such agreement. The terms and provisions of the Trust Agreement, insofar as they affect the rights, duties and obligations of the Holder and/or the Borrower, are hereby incorporated herein and form a part of this Note. Capitalized terms not defined in this Note shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Trust Agreement. The Amended and Restated Master Fiscal Agency Agreement dated as of May 17, 2000, between the Secretary and The Chase Manhattan Bank (now known as The Bank of New York Mellon), as Fiscal Agent (the "Fiscal Agency Agreement") provides for The Bank of New York Mellon, acting as Fiscal Agent to perform certain duties, including the duties of registrar for this Note until this Note is canceled or a new registrar appointed in accordance with the Fiscal Agency Agreement. The Trust Agreement provides for the Trustee to perform certain duties, including the duties of paying agent and collection agent for this Note until a new Trustee is appointed in accordance with the Trust Agreement. This Note may be surrendered to the Fiscal Agent for registration of transfer or exchange, as provided in the Fiscal Agency Agreement. The Fiscal Agent and the Trustee shall permit reasonable inspection to be made of a copy of the Fiscal Agency Agreement or Trust Agreement kept on file at its corporate trust office. Neither the Fiscal Agency Agreement nor the Trust Agreement shall change the Borrower's payment obligations under this Note.

G. Applicability of Contract and Secretary's Guarantee

This Note evidences indebtedness incurred pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract and pursuant to Section 108 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 5308) (the "HCD Act"). This Note is subject to the terms and provisions of the Contract, to which Contract reference is hereby made for a statement of said terms and provisions and for a description of the collateral security for this Note. The payment of principal on the applicable Principal Due Dates and of interest on the applicable Interest Due Dates under this Note is unconditionally guaranteed by the Secretary to the Holder through a guarantee (the "Guarantee"). Execution of the Secretary's Guarantee is required before this Note is effective, and such Guarantee shall be issued pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Contract and Section 108 of the HCD Act.

H. Default

A default under this Note shall occur upon failure by the Borrower to pay principal or interest on this Note when due to the Trustee hereunder. On any Interest Due Date on or after the first permissible Optional Redemption Date, if either (i) a Borrower defaults on the payment of any interest or Principal Amount when due or (ii) the Secretary gives notice of a final decision to declare the Borrower in default pursuant to the following paragraph, then the Secretary may, but is not obligated to, make an acceleration payment to the Trustee equal to the Aggregate Principal Amount of the Note, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon to such Interest Due Date. The Secretary shall give notice of such payment on the fourteenth Business Day preceding such Interest Due Date and shall make such payment on the seventh Business Day preceding such Interest Due Date. In the event that any such acceleration payment is made from sources other than funds pledged by the Borrower as security under the Contract (or other Borrower

funds), the amounts paid on behalf of the Borrower shall be deemed to be immediately due and payable to the Secretary. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as permitting or implying that the Borrower may, without the written consent of the Holder and the Secretary, modify, extend, alter or affect in any manner whatsoever the right of the Holder timely to receive any and all payments of principal and interest specified in this Note.

In addition, the Secretary may declare the Borrower in default under this Note if the Secretary makes a final decision in accordance with the provisions of 24 CFR § 570.913 (or any successor regulation thereof), including requirements for reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing, that the Borrower has failed to comply substantially with Title I of the HCD Act. Following the giving of such reasonable notice, the Secretary may take the remedial actions specified as available in the relevant provisions of the Contract pending the Secretary's final decision.

I. Holder's Reliance on Guarantee

Following a default by the Borrower under the terms of this Note, the Holder agrees to rely wholly and exclusively for repayment of this Note upon the Guarantee. The enforcement of any instruments or agreements securing or otherwise related to this Note shall be the sole responsibility of the Secretary, and the Holder shall not be responsible for the preparation, contents or administration of such instruments and agreements, or for any actions taken in connection with such instruments and agreement. The Holder, to the extent it is legally able to do so, shall bind or cause to be bound its successors and assigns to all limitations imposed upon the Holder by this Note.

J. Amendment

This Note may only be amended with the prior written consent of the Secretary and the Borrower. No such amendment shall reduce, without the prior written consent of the Holder of this Note, in any manner the amount of, or delay the timing of, payments required to be received on this Note by the Holder or Trustee, including Guarantee Payments.

K. Waivers

The Borrower hereby waives any requirement for presentment, protest or other demand or notice with respect to this Note. The Borrower hereby waives notice of default and opportunity for hearing for any failure to make a payment when due.

L. Delivery and Effective Date

This Note is deemed issued, executed, and delivered on behalf of the Borrower by its authorized official as an obligation guaranteed by the Secretary pursuant to Section 108 of the HCD Act, effective as of the date of the Secretary's Guarantee.

M. Borrower Specific Provisions

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THE UNDERSIGNED, as an authorized official of the Borrower, has executed and delivered this Note.

Austin, Texas
BORROWER

BY:

(Signature)

(Name)

(Title)

SCHEDULE P&I

Note No. : B-94-MC-48-0500

Borrower: Austin, TX

| Principal Amount | Principal Due Date | Interest Rate | Optional Redemption Available |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | YES NO |
| \$ 480,000 | August 1, 2009 | | X |
| 515,000 | August 1, 2010 | | X |
| 550,000 | August 1, 2011 | | X |
| 585,000 | August 1, 2012 | | X |
| 625,000 | August 1, 2013 | | X |
| 670,000 | August 1, 2014 | | X |
| 715,000 | August 1, 2015 | | X |
| 270,000 | August 1, 2016 | | X |
| | August 1, 2017 | | X |
| | August 1, 2018 | | X |
| | August 1, 2019 | | X |
| | August 1, 2020 | | X |
| | August 1, 2021 | | X |
| | August 1, 2022 | | X |
| | August 1, 2023 | | X |
| | August 1, 2024 | | X |
| | August 1, 2025 | | X |
| | August 1, 2026 | | X |
| | August 1, 2027 | | X |
| | August 1, 2028 | | X |

§ 4,410,000 = Aggregate Principal Amount

Principal Amounts due on or after August 1, 2019, for which Optional Redemption is available may be redeemed, subject to the terms contained herein and in the Trust Agreement, on any Interest Due Date on or after August 1, 2018.